



Young Adult September Gathering - Luther-fest

It's finally 'weizen season,' and what better way to enjoy it than with cold beer, brats, and a Luther-inspired table talk? We'll gather at the home of Meaghan and Ryan on **September 17 at 6:00 p.m.** for dinner and discussion on the intersection of modern life and Lutheran theology. For location and questions, call Meaghan Wheeler at 713-816-2188. Brats and beer provided, but sides and desserts are always welcome.

For Such A Time As This September 21

The bishop of the ELCA issued an invitation to prayer, fasting, and advocacy throughout 2017 on the **21st of each month** in solidarity with those living with hunger or in poverty. See www.elca.org for resources or pick up a Fasting Guide on the literature rack in the narthex.

Congregational Meeting to Call Senior Pastor September 17 at 10:00 a.m.

The Congregation Council has called a special meeting at 10 a.m. this Sunday, September 17 for the sole purpose of voting on a Senior Pastor. Council presents the Call Committee nomination of the Rev. Dr. Duane Larson as senior pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church. The vote will be by paper balloting. All confirmed members may vote.

Wednesday Nights at Church this Fall

The following programs are offered this fall semester: Adult classes, choristers, chorus and choir, and Confirmation class. The Music Explorer classes for babies and toddlers will be in recess until January. Due to the space limitations caused by the flooding of the basement the Wednesday Night dinners have been suspended until we can resume full programming.

Pizza will be offered 15 minutes before all programs for children and youth at \$2.00 a slice. Adults are invited to bring a snack or your own dinner.

- Music Explorers (4-5 years) 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.
- Jr. Choristers (K-second grade) 6:15 - 6:55 p.m.
- Choristers (third-sixth grade) 6:00 - 6:50 p.m.
- Love Your Neighbour 5:45 p.m.
- Resilient Reformer 6:15 p.m. (resumes September 27)
- Evening Prayer 7:05 p.m.
- Choir and Chorus 7:30 p.m.

Love Your Neighbour Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m., Nave

This group will continue an ongoing discussion about racism in American society. The group is committed to caring, honest, and safe conversation on issues of race, seeking how we can bring our part to God's intended rule of reconciling love to neighbor and world. The book basis for our conversations is Michael Eric Dyson's, *Tears We Cannot Stop, A Sermon to White America*.

Evening Vespers at 7:05 p.m. in the Nave

After WNA dinner and classes, join us for a moment of centering prayer either to conclude the night or before choir rehearsals. This midweek prayer service offers a preview to Sunday readings, poetry, silence and shared intercessions.

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Friday Morning Bible Study

All are invited to Friday Morning Bible Study. We gather after 10:00 a.m. for snacks and fellowship in the 2nd floor council room. Bible Study and prayer begin at 10:30, and we finish approximately 11:40 a.m.

Friday Morning Bible Study is an opportunity to enrich life in preparation for the Sunday assemblies. We read the texts assigned for the Sunday liturgy and prepare ourselves for the encounter with the living Lord who promises to be with us in word and sacrament.

Healing Emotional Trauma after Harvey

Free group session for healing Emotional Trauma after Harvey

When: Wednesdays, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., starting September 20- October 25.

Where: West University Wellness Center, 5180 Buffalo Speedway

Who: Everybody who is feeling a need for emotional support after Hurricane Harvey.

Facilitator: Véronique Eberhart, life coach and Emotional Freedom Technique practitioner at JoyousLiving.me Information and sign up: ve@joyousLiving.me.

SEARCH Cards and Coffee Ministry

Perry St. Apartments, 4415 Perry, on **Wednesday September 20, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** Contact Beverly at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org.

REFORMATION 500 CELEBRATION

Front Row Seats to Reformation 500 Celebration

The Reformation 500 Celebration in Houston gets off the ground with a grand weekend of Lutheran education, Catholic-Lutheran dialogue and JS Bach's music, September 22-24. Please join us at Christ the King Church, the University of St. Thomas and Zilkha Hall at Hobby Center.

Lecture Series with Prof. Timothy Wengert

Professor Timothy Wengert returns to Christ the King Church with a Melancthon Institute lecture series on two core topics of Lutheran Theology: Law and Gospel, and Vocation. The talks are free and open to the public.

Friday, September 22, 10:30 a.m., parish hall, light refreshments (at 10:00) 7:30 p.m., parish hall, with beer and pretzels

Law and Gospel: Rediscovering the Working Word of God

In American Christianity today there are a variety of approaches to the Scripture. Martin Luther viewed Scripture not just for what kinds of words are in it (commands and promises) but what these words do to the hearers. By recovering how God uses the law and the gospel, an entirely new face of Scripture reveals itself.

Sunday, September 24, 9:45 a.m., parish hall
12:30 p.m., parish hall with a sandwich lunch

Luther on Vocation:

Changing Diapers and Hauling Manure to the Glory of God

One of the secret gems of Luther's thought comes in his approach to the Christian life. Luther sent believers into the world, where even the most mundane chores suddenly took on new meaning by faith alone. Let Luther help you discover how many truly "good works" you have been doing without knowing it!

Dr. Wengert is professor emeritus at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia where he taught Reformation history and the Lutheran Confessions for over twenty-four years while holding the Ministerium of Pennsylvania Chair of Church History.

Walk With Martin Luther

Calling all runners and walkers! Join the 600 mile trail as we follow Martin Luther from his birth in Eisleben to Erfurt, Wittenburg and beyond. We will track miles individually and as a group. To sign up contact Linda Schoene, Congregational Nurse, at lschoene91@att.net. A kind vendor from Synod Assembly provided ten Mi Fit tracking devices. Individuals who would like one of the trackers may contact Linda.

Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue

Symposium to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 1517

Saturday, September 23, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., University of St. Thomas
Jerabeck Center, Scanlan Room, 4000 Mt. Vernon St, Houston TX 77006

Cardinal di Nardo of the Galveston-Houston Diocese and Bishop Michael Rinehart of the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod of the ELCA will be present for a Symposium hosted at the University of St. Thomas. The event is free and open to the public. Dr. Wengert and Bishop Madden will deliver the keynote talks. The link to register can be found on our webpage.

Singing Faith in Concert – JS Bach’s Mass in B Minor

Sunday, September 24, 6:00 p.m.

Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby Street

Tickets: General \$50, \$40; Seniors \$45, \$36; Students \$5.

Fresh back from their tour of Germany, the Bach Choir Houston joins the Bach Orchestra to perform the zenith of JS Bach’s output, the Mass in B Minor. Bach’s masterpiece may have begun as an attempt to bridge the gap between Lutherans and Catholics. Yet its completion only a year before Bach’s death shows not only his tremendous skill as one of the world’s greatest composers, but his deep spirituality that was expressed through his music. With five splendid soloists, trumpet fanfares, sweet flute melodies, and virtuosic string writing, the Mass in B Minor is one of the masterpieces that has defined western music for over 200 years. You may purchase tickets through the Bach Society Houston homepage. A portion of the ticket sales will go to support victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Reformation Bookstore at Christ the King Church

Stop by the narthex on Sundays, September 24 and October 1 to get fascinating books on the Reformation. Publisher Augsburg Fortress of the ELCA is providing a Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles. The books include biographies, an atlas of the European Reformations, a picture novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

Reformation Market at Christ the King Church

Raising \$500k for Hunger Relief

Want the latest merchandise to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation? Opening on September 24, we will have a booth set up in the narthex selling all kinds of Lutheran merchandise. We have “Here I Stand” socks, t-shirts, travel coffee mugs, and bags. All proceeds go to help the synod’s hunger appeal to raise \$500,000 by October 31. If you would like to volunteer to help out in the booth, please contact Beverly Davis at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org or Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org.

Liturgical Sunday Walk through Time

Each Sunday throughout the fall pieces of the liturgy will be selected with a view to Lutheran liturgical history and global richness. In loosely chronological order we will progressively sing pieces from Martin Luther’s *Deutsche Messe* (German Mass), from the American-Lutheran liturgical traditions and from the 20th century hymn books which we knew as the red book and the green book (LBW). The global Lutheran musical and liturgical traditions will enrich our liturgy throughout the fall. Cantor Rick Erickson will present a Sunday Forum on October 8 with a fascinating look into our Lutheran worship history.

We celebrate with these members and friends who are remembering their baptism this week:

Victoria Allen Bert Hungerford Jill Bailer
John Robertson Rustin Buck Caroline Oeben
Evan Harper

Sunday, September 17

8:30 a.m. Worship, Reformation 500 Setting, nave
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting, nave
10:50 a.m. Worship Reformation 500 Setting, nave
6:00 p.m. Young Adult Gathering, offsite

Monday, September 18

Church Office Closed
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor

Tuesday, September 19

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor

Wednesday, September 20

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
10:00 a.m. SEARCH Coffee and Cards, offsite
5:45 p.m. Music Explorers
5:45 p.m. Love Your Neighbour, nave
6:00 p.m. Confirmation, council room
6:00 p.m. Choristers, narthex
6:15 p.m. Jr. Choristers
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, parish hall
7:00 p.m. Evening Vespers, nave
7:30 p.m. Church Choir, nave
7:30 p.m. Chorus, parish hall

Thursday, September 21

Day of Prayer, Fasting, and Advocacy
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, 3rd floor

Friday, September 22

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor
10:00 a.m. Prof. Timothy Wengert talk, parish hall
7:30 p.m. Prof. Timothy Wengert talk, parish hall

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9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lutheran-Catholic Symposium
Univ. of St Thomas
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

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6:00 p.m. Bach Society "Mass in B Minor" Hobby Center

The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson, Interim Pastor

The Rev. Karin Liebster, Associate Pastor for Faith Formation
Deacon Ben Remmert, Director of Youth and Family Ministry
Beverly Davis, Director of Congregational Care
Linda Schoene, Congregational Nurse
Deacon Rick Erickson, Cantor, Director of Bach Society Houston
Brian Glikes, Music Associate Robert Walp, Brass Choir Director
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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

The mission offering is collected at the church doors at the end of worship.

The synod's CAR team allocates funds from our offerings for the following projects of our companion synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic:

Church Roofs – The congregations build the building but funds for the roof come from the national church. Many buildings are waiting for roofs. A typical cost for a roof is \$8,000.

Emmanuel Health Center at Gallo – The clinic/small hospital treats injuries and illnesses and delivers babies. It is also the center for a community health program that takes vaccinations and hygiene education out into villages.

Evangelism Program – Spreads the Good News by working to build social cohesion.

PASE – water resource development, especially by building spring boxes to filter the water bubbling from natural springs and maintaining water equipment.

Sunday School Translation – The project pays for translation of an English language curriculum and materials from the Southern African Communion into French and Sango. It provides much needed teaching materials for Sunday School teachers in Cameroon and in the Central African Republic.

University Scholarships – Helps Lutheran students who must move to the capital Bangui to attend the country's only university to pay for living expenses and course materials.

Veterinary Project – Purchases goats and promotes animal health to improve food sources.

Village Permanent School Fund – Three permanent school buildings are now under construction. Permanent buildings replace the thatched-roof schools that the parents must be repair each year.

Village Savings and Loan – Villagers put in their own funds, obtain loans to start small business projects and pay the loans back. The project also provides a kind of insurance fund. Villagers have learned that they can save money!

Visits and Communications – This fund pays for expenses for visitors from and to CAR, such as Bishop Ndanga-Toué who came to our synod last August. The synod CAR team hopes to bring two Central African youth to next summer's Youth Gathering.